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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE,

SUBJECT: OXCART and SR-71 Programs

REFERENCE: National Reconnaissance Office Memorandum, June 16, 1967,
subject: OXCART Program. [REDACTED]

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In the reference, the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office offers two options that would delay phasing out the OXCART program. Even though three OXCART aircraft are deployed at Kadena, I believe the currently approved program needs only minor change. The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency concurs. Specifically, the A-12's should be phased out no later than the dates shown.

Type of A-12	Jul 1967	Nov 1967	Jan 1968	Total
Operational	1	1	4	6
Test	1	1	0	2
Trainer	0	1	0	1

I would like the JCS, in conjunction with the Air Force and the NRO, to develop a plan by 4 August 1967 for transferring the responsibility for the Kadena operation from the CIA to SAC. This plan should provide for transfer on 1 December 1967. To ensure this capability, the Air Force should attempt to further accelerate the installation [REDACTED] for the SR-71.

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NRO and USAF review(s) completed.

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